GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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UNORGANISED LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey for identification of unorganised labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has implemented any schemes for their rehabilitation; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme and the funds allotted during the last three years along with the outlay finalised for Tenth Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (d): No specific surveys are conducted for identification of unorganised labour. The results of Census and periodic surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation are the main source of data for the unorganised labour. The Government has initiated several measures for the welfare of the labourers in the unorganised sector. The Government have set up Welfare Funds to provide social security/welfare measures to certain categories of workers i.e. beedi workers, certain non-coal mine workers and cine workers. The welfare measures include health care, housing, educational assistance for children, drinking water supply, etc. About 40 lakhs beedi workers, around one lakh cine workers and workers engaged in certain non-coal mines and their families are availing benefits under these welfare measures. These are non-plan programmes and details indicating the amount disbursed during the last three years are given in Annexure. In addition to this, the Government is implementing various poverty alleviation/employment generations schemes. Further, Janshree Bima Yojana providing for insurance cover to the people living below or marginally above the poverty line is also available for the workers in the unorganised sector.

Annexure

Statement referred to in part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2005 for 13.12.2004 regarding Unorganised Labourers.

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Fund	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
1.	Beedi Workers Welfare Fund	53.31	65.82	82.14
2.	Limestone & Dolomite Mines	6.18	6.22	6.50
3.	Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines & Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund	8.92	7.96	9.16
4.	Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund	1.43	1.25	1.16
5.	Cine Workers Welfare Fund	0.51	0.54	0.84
	Total	70.35	81.79	99.80